



**Canada**  
**Province of British Columbia**  
**A Proclamation**

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom,  
Canada and Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the  
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith

**To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting**

WHEREAS since 1946, the first full week of February has been celebrated as White Cane Week in Canada due to the initiative of the Canadian Council of the Blind, and

WHEREAS the objective of White Cane Week is to provide education on and to raise awareness of vision loss in British Columbia through a network of online or socially distanced special events and demonstrations throughout the province, and

WHEREAS White Cane Week has evolved to reflect the changing situations of the blind community, and it has begun to emphasize the equal capabilities and talents of people who are blind and partially sighted, and

WHEREAS with the province's aging population, all British Columbians need to be better informed about the effects of vision loss and to work towards creating more supportive, inclusive communities;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that February 7 to 13, 2021, shall be known as


**“White Cane Week”**

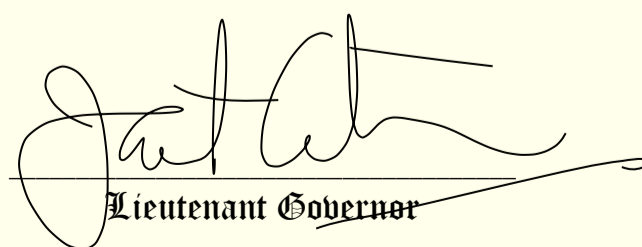
in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this twenty-third day of December, two thousand twenty and in the sixty-ninth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

  
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Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing  
(counter signature for the Great Seal)

  
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Lieutenant Governor